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SHASTA COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury in Sacramento has returned a two-count indictment charging Christopher Franklin Stiner, 32, of Anderson, California, with knowingly possessing child pornography.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on or about June 12, 2003, the defendant possessed a computer hard drive and at least two computer disks which contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct which images had been transported in interstate commerce. In a second count, the Indictment also seeks the forfeiture of the computer used by Stiner to obtain and maintain his pornography collection.

The pending charges are only allegations and Stiner is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for the possession charge is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a five-year to life term of supervised release.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Anderson Police Department, the Shasta County District Attorney's Office, the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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